



St. Francis Primary School



P.5/4 Newsletter – September / October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to P.5/4's Newsletter. Everyone has settled well and we are all keen to learn! I hope this gives you a flavour of what P.5/4 will be learning. It would be beneficial if you could talk to your child after each school day about what they have learned, this will help reinforce their learning.

Please remember to contact the school if you have any questions. You can also follow Primary 5/4 on X (Twitter) @StFrancisMrsH
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Language

We will be continuing to **read** our Bug-Club readers and learning to recognise lots of common words. We will focus on reading aloud with increasing fluency and also develop a greater understanding of reading for information. Please encourage your child to read different materials for pleasure at home.

As part of our Active Literacy programme we are working to improve our **writing** skills. We will be learning to use nouns, verbs and adjectives in our writing.

We will continue to develop our spelling and phonics skills through a variety of strategies.

You will hear the children talking about V C O P – these are writing strategies children use to help them to make their writing more interesting.

V – VOCABULARY / 'WOW' words

C – CONNECTIVES e.g. and, so, but, then etc.

O – OPENERS – Sentence and paragraph openers other than simple pronouns.

P – PUNCTUATION – Capital letters, full stops, direct speech, question marks, etc.



Maths

We will be learning about:



- Rounding and estimation
- Place value to 10,000
- Partitioning numbers to 10,000
- Addition and Subtraction
- Choosing strategies to improve mental agility

Please look for opportunities to practise these skills in everyday life.

Interdisciplinary Learning – Matilda

The Children voted for a class novel this term. Roald Dahl's Matilda was the winner! We will use this as the context for our whole class reading to improve a variety of skills including retrieving, summarising, visualising, inferring, and summarising.

This will also provide the context for children to develop a range of skills from a variety of other subjects including, Social Subjects, ICT, Science, Art & Design, Health & Wellbeing and Technology.



Health & Wellbeing

Our main priority is for all pupils to feel safe, happy and nurtured. We also would like for them to be confident, successful and responsible citizens and effective contributors in our school and in the community.

All children should take part in **2 hours P.E.** per week. P.E. days are Tuesday and Friday.

During this term the children will be learning about:

- Children's Rights – School /Class charters
- Being a good friend
- Hand/toilet hygiene
- Growth mind set
- Discussing emotions
- Safe play in the playground



R.E. – following the Gospel Values

P.5/4 follow the 'This Is Our Faith' syllabus.

This is a very special year for P4 as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and The Eucharist. P5 will play a big part in supporting their peers.

The focus for this term will be;

- The new school year, Creation and Baptism
- Mass responses and hymns.
- Learning new prayers including, the Grace before and after meals prayers and the Morning Offering.

The children will participate in celebrating mass too! A number of activities will be based on the Sunday Gospel readings.

October – Feast of St. Francis – Devotion to Mary

